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| PGRR Number | [117](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/PGRR117) | PGRR Title | Addition of Resiliency Assessment and Criteria to Reflect PUCT Rule Changes |
| Date of Decision | | March 13, 2025 | |
| **Action** | | Approved | |
| Timeline | | Normal | |
| Estimated Impacts | | Cost/Budgetary: Between $360k and $440k (Annual Recurring O&M)  Project Duration: No project required | |
| Effective Date | | April 1, 2025 | |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | | Not applicable | |
| Planning Guide Sections Requiring Revision | | 2.2, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS  3.1.1.6, Grid Reliability and Resiliency Assessment (new)  4.1, Introduction  4.1.2, Resiliency Criteria (new) | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | None | |
| Revision Description | | This Planning Guide Revision Request (PGRR) revises the Planning Guide to reflect the PUCT’s rulemaking addition of subsection (b)(3)(E) to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.101, *Certification Criteria*, which requires ERCOT to conduct a biennial assessment of the ERCOT power grid’s reliability and resiliency in extreme weather scenarios and permits ERCOT to recommend transmission projects to address resiliency issues identified in the assessment. ERCOT intends to perform the biennial assessment in parallel with the Regional Transmission Plan (RTP) process. | |
| Reason for Revision | | [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 1 – Be an industry leader for grid reliability and resilience  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 2 - Enhance the ERCOT region’s economic competitiveness with respect to trends in wholesale power rates and retail electricity prices to consumers  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 3 - Advance ERCOT, Inc. as an independent leading industry expert and an employer of choice by fostering innovation, investing in our people, and emphasizing the importance of our mission  General system and/or process improvement(s)  Regulatory requirements  ERCOT Board/PUCT Directive  *(please select ONLY ONE – if more than one apply, please select the ONE that is most relevant)* | |
| Justification of Reason for Revision and Market Impacts | | These revisions to the Planning Guide reflect ERCOT’s intended implementation of rulemaking amendments to 16 TAC § 25.101 that went into effect on December 20, 2022. Specifically, § 25.101(b)(3)(E) requires ERCOT to conduct a biennial assessment of the power grid’s reliability and resiliency in extreme weather scenarios and specifies that the assessment must: (i) consider the impact of different levels of thermal and renewable generation availability; (ii) identify areas of the state that face significant grid reliability and resiliency issues, taking into account the impact of potential outages caused by regional extreme weather scenarios on customers, including multiple element outage analysis when appropriate, and; (iii) recommend transmission projects that may increase the grid’s reliability or resiliency in extreme weather scenarios. Furthermore, § 25.101(b)(3)(A)(iii) establishes that ERCOT may recommend a transmission project that would address a resiliency issue identified in the grid reliability and resiliency assessment.  ERCOT intends to propose a Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) to address the process for determining whether an upgrade that meets the proposed resiliency criteria provides sufficient benefit to offset any insufficiency of economic savings or reliability benefits, as provided in 16 TAC § 25.101(b)(3)(A)(iii). ERCOT believes this determination is best suited for consideration as part of the Regional Planning Group (RPG) Project Review process. | |
| ROS Decision | | On 8/1/24, ROS voted unanimously to table PGRR117 and refer the issue to the Planning Working Group (PLWG). All Market Segments participated in the vote.  On 11/7/24, ROS voted unanimously to recommend approval of PGRR117 as amended by the 10/11/24 ERCOT comments. All Market Segments participated in the vote.  On 12/5/24, ROS voted unanimously to endorse and forward to TAC the 11/7/24 ROS Report and the 7/17/24 Impact Analysis for PGRR117. All Market Segments participated in the vote. | |
| Summary of ROS Discussion | | On 8/1/24, ERCOT provided an overview of PGRR117. Participants requested to table PGRR117 and refer it to PLWG for further review.  On 11/7/24, participants reviewed the 10/11/24 ERCOT comments.  On 12/5/24, participants reviewed the 7/17/24 Impact Analysis for PGRR117. | |
| TAC Decision | | On 1/22/25, TAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of PGRR117 as recommended by ROS in the 12/5/24 ROS Report. All Market Segments participated in the vote. | |
| Summary of TAC Discussion | | On 1/22/25, there was no additional discussion beyond TAC review of the items below. | |
| TAC Review/Justification of Recommendation | | Revision Request ties to Reason for Revision as explained in Justification  Impact Analysis reviewed and impacts are justified as explained in Justification  Opinions were reviewed and discussed  Comments were reviewed and discussed (if applicable)  Other: (explain) | |
| ERCOT Board Decision | | On 2/4/25, the ERCOT Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of PGRR117 as recommended by TAC in the 1/22/25 TAC Report. | |
| PUCT Decision | | On 3/13/25, the PUCT approved PGRR117 and accompanying ERCOT Market Impact Statement as presented in Project No. 54445, Review of Protocols Adopted by the Independent Organization. | |
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| **Opinions** | | | |
| Credit Review | | Not applicable | |
| Independent Market Monitor Opinion | | IMM has no opinion on PGRR117. | |
| ERCOT Opinion | | ERCOT supports approval of PGRR117. | |
| ERCOT Market Impact Statement | | ERCOT Staff has reviewed PGRR117 and believes the market impact of PGRR117 is it aligns the Planning Guide with subsection (b)(3)(E) to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.101, Certification Criteria, which requires ERCOT to conduct a biennial assessment of the ERCOT power grid’s reliability and resiliency in extreme weather scenarios and permits ERCOT to recommend transmission projects to address resiliency issues identified in the assessment. | |

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| **Comments Received** | |
| **Comment Author** | **Comment Summary** |
| LCRA 092324 | Revised language to reflect discussions at the 8/13/24 Planning Working Group (PLWG) meeting |
| ERCOT 101124 | Retained reference to “coincident load values”, clarified the study case will be adjusted to have sufficient power supply to meet demand and replaced references to “load shedding” with “outages” to align with the language in 16 TAC § 25.101 |
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| **Market Rules Notes** | |

Please note that the following PGRR(s) also propose revisions to the following section(s):

* PGRR118, Related to NPRR1246, Energy Storage Resource Terminology Alignment for the Single-Model Era
  + Section 4.1

Please note that the baseline Planning Guide language in the following sections has been updated to reflect the incorporation of the following PGRR(s) into the Planning Guides:

* PGRR116, Related to NPRR1240, Access to Transmission Planning Information (incorporated 2/1/25)
  + Section 4.1

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| Revised Proposed Guide Language |

## 2.2 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**CY** Current Year

**FIS** Full Interconnection Study

**FY** Future Year

**GIC** Geomagnetically-Induced Current

**GIM** Generator Interconnection or Modification

**GINR** Generation Interconnection or Change Request

**GMD** Geomagnetic Disturbance

**GRRA** Grid Reliability and Resiliency Assessment

**LTSA** Long-Term System Assessment

**RIOO** Resource Integration and Ongoing Operations

**SSR** Subsynchronous Resonance

**TCEQ** Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

**3.1.1.6 Grid Reliability and Resiliency Assessment (GRRA)**

(1) ERCOT shall perform the Grid Reliability and Resiliency Assessment (GRRA) in coordination with the Regional Planning Group (RPG) on a biennial basis in even-numbered years to assess the reliability and resiliency of the ERCOT System in extreme weather scenarios. The study shall:

(a) Consider the impact of different levels of thermal and renewable generation availability;

(b) Identify areas of the ERCOT Region that face significant grid reliability and resiliency issues, taking into account the impact of potential Outages caused by regional extreme weather scenarios on Customers; and

(c) Identify transmission upgrades that are expected to increase the reliability or resiliency of the ERCOT System in extreme weather scenarios based on the criteria established in Section 4.1.2, Resiliency Criteria.

(2) Extreme weather scenarios shall be selected for one or more study cases. The study cases prepared will be adjusted to have sufficient power supply to meet the demand. The study cases shall be based on the current Regional Transmission Plan study cases, utilizing coincident load values, and may include scenarios that vary one or more of the following modeling assumptions:

(a) Different patterns of generation;

(b) Extreme peak load;

(c) Multiple Transmission Element Outages; and/or

(d) Multiple Generation Resource Outages.

(3) Under the extreme weather study scenarios described in paragraph (2) above, the post-contingency performance of the ERCOT System shall be evaluated for the following contingency events:

(a) Categories P0, P1, and P2.1 as defined in NERC Reliability Standard TPL-001; and

(b) Common tower outages as defined in Section 4.1.1.1, Planning Assumptions.

4.1 Introduction

(1) ERCOT employs reliability, economic, and resiliency criteria in evaluating the need for transmission system improvements. The economic criteria are included in Protocol Section 3.11.2, Planning Criteria. This Planning Guide provides the reliability and resiliency criteria.

(2) The ERCOT System consists of those generation and Transmission Facilities (60 kV and higher voltages) that are controlled by individual Market Participants and that function as part of an integrated and coordinated system.

(3) To maintain reliable operation of the ERCOT System, it is necessary that all stakeholders observe and subscribe to certain minimum planning criteria. The criteria set forth in this Section 4.1 constitute the aforementioned minimum planning criteria. Tests outlined herein shall be performed to determine conformance to these minimum criteria; however, ERCOT recognizes that events more severe than those outlined in these criteria could cause grid separation and other tests may also be performed.

(4) The complexity and uncertainty inherent in the planning and operation of the ERCOT System make exhaustive studies impracticable; therefore, to gain maximum benefit from the limited number of tests performed, the selection of the specific tests and the frequency of their performance will be made solely upon the basis of the expected value of the reliability information obtainable from the test.

(5) ERCOT shall perform steady-state, short circuit, and dynamic analyses appropriate to ensure the reliability of the ERCOT System and identify appropriate solutions.

(6) Each Transmission Service Provider (TSP) will perform steady-state, short circuit, and dynamic analyses appropriate to ensure the reliability of its portion of the ERCOT System and implement appropriate solutions to meet the reliability performance criteria in this Section 4.1.

(7) The base cases created by the Steady-State Working Group (SSWG) and System Protection Working Group (SPWG) are available for use by Market Participants.

(8) If a TSP has its own planning criteria in addition to those defined in this Planning Guide, the TSP shall provide documentation of those criteria to ERCOT. ERCOT shall post the documentation on the Market Information System (MIS) Secure Area. The TSP shall notify ERCOT of any changes to their planning criteria and provide revised documentation within 30 days of such change.

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| ***[PGRR116: Replace paragraph (8) above with the following upon system implementation of NPRR1240:]***  (8) If a TSP has its own planning criteria in addition to those defined in this Planning Guide, the TSP shall provide documentation of those criteria to ERCOT. ERCOT shall post the documentation on the ERCOT website. The TSP shall notify ERCOT of any changes to their planning criteria and provide revised documentation within 30 days of such change. |

4.1.2 Resiliency Criteria

(1) As part of the resiliency analysis described in Planning Guide Section 3.1.1.6, Grid Reliability and Resiliency Assessment (GRRA), ERCOT shall identify those transmission upgrades that are necessary to:

(a) Prevent cascading, instability, or uncontrolled islanding; and/or

(b) Reduce the impact of outages on customers.